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25X1A6a (  Comment. The Colegio de Abogados Especializados en el Derecho del Trabajo was founded in Bogotá on 27 October 1948. The announced purpose of the organization is to improve the practice of law in Bogotá and to provide free professional services to individuals needing them. The statutes of the Colegio provide that it shall be represented in all dealings by a Governor, who, in turn, will be instructed by a Directive Council. The following officers were elected for a one year term:

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- Governor: Dr. Alberto ~~Apilera~~ Camacho
- Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. Jorge Enrique Sanchez
- Directive Council: Dr. Adán Arriaga Andrade
- Dr. Blas Herrera Anzoategui
- Dr. Carlos Restrepo Piedrahita
- Dr. Juan Francisco Mujica
- Dr. Castor Jaramillo Arrubla
- Dr. Luis A. Gomez Moreno)

1. The real leader of the Colegio is Dr. Mujica, who is a member of the Communist Party of Colombia (PCC). Dr. Sanchez is also reported to be a PCC member, and the other individuals are known to be leftist Liberals.
2. The Colegio was organized in order to take advantage of the provisions in the Colombian Constitution which forbid "parallel syndicalism". It will be affiliated with the Confederación de Trabajadores de Colombia (CTC) and will be a legal entity, thus forming the only legally organized group of labor lawyers. José Domingo Velez, allegedly a former Communist and one of the founders of the Colegio, stated that the basic aim of this organization is to bring about the unification of social legislation in the Americas along Marxist lines, through a slow and cautious penetration of the legal groups in various countries. The Colegio will contact similar organizations in other Latin American countries, as well as the Permanent International Association of Democratic Lawyers in Paris, whose statutes served as a model for those of the Colegio.

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